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In re application of:

LARRY V. LAPANASHVILI, ET AL.

Application No. 10/069,333

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For: METHOD OF TREATING A LIVING ORGANISM TO ACHIEVE A HEART LOAD REDUCTION, AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT

OF THE METHOD

Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No. 7823

Examiner: Jeffrey R. Jastrzab

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3762

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time from April 21, 2004 to July 21, 2004 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.